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LOCAL R.V. DEALER SENTENCED IN FEDERAL COURT

Owner of Randy's Travel Town defrauds local bank

Shreveport, Louisiana . . . United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced that **RANDALL BRAZZEL, age 59, of Shreveport, Louisiana**, was sentenced Thursday by United States District Judge Donald E. Walter to spend **36 months in prison** for bank fraud. **BRAZZEL was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$276,819.56.** BRAZZEL will report to the Bureau of Prisons on October 23, 2006.

BRAZZEL was the owner and operator of Randy's Travel Town, a recreational vehicle dealer located in the Sports Mall in Shreveport. BRAZZEL was charged in a bill of information in February with one count of bank fraud stemming from a scheme which he was involved in from July 2001 through April 2004, wherein BRAZZEL defrauded Peoples State Bank by pledging his used vehicle inventory at Randy's Travel Town as collateral for a loan at that bank. BRAZZEL admitted at his guilty plea hearing in April that he sold the collateral but neglected to remit the proceeds to Peoples State Bank.

Sentencing in federal court is determined by the discretion of federal judges and the governing statute. United States Sentencing Guidelines established by the United States Congress and the United States Sentencing Commission are only used as guidelines by the judge in determining the appropriate sentence. Parole has been abolished in the federal system.

This case was investigated by the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Shreveport Resident Agency, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney C. Mignonne Griffing.

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